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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 29, and add two new paragraphs thereafter, as follows:

--The invention is disclosed more in detail with reference to the ~~drawings showing~~ drawing figures which show an embodiment of an adhesive patch of the invention.

Figure 1 shows an adhesive patch in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 shows an ostomy appliance with a collecting bag attached to the adhesive patch of Figure 1.--

On page 6, before line 2, please insert the following new paragraph:

--Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--.

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On page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 13, and add a new paragraph thereafter, as follows:

--In the drawings is shown a preferred embodiment of an adhesive patch 1 for use for an ostomy appliance. ~~The, said patch being~~ is able to adhere to the skin, ~~said patch comprising and includes~~ a backing layer 2 and a layer of a skin-friendly adhesive for adhering to the skin. ~~The, and said patch having~~ has a pattern of indentations ~~wherein the patch comprises and includes~~ a first central first area 3 of a relatively high thickness and a central hole 4, a second area 5 surrounding the first area for attaching a collecting bag or a coupling device, and ~~an a third edge third area~~ 6 area surrounding the second area. As shown in Figure 1, the first area 3 is bounded by an outer border 20 which defines the extent of the first area 3 relative to the second area 5. Similarly, the third area 6 is bounded by an inner border 21 which defines the extent of the third area 6 relative to the second area 5. The outer boundary of the third area corresponds with the rim 22 of the patch. ~~The, wherein the~~ first and third areas are provided with indentations ~~7,8~~ 7 and 8, respectively, with ~~and wherein~~ the indentations 8 in the third area ~~are being~~ are in the form of a pattern of curvilinear indentations. As shown, the pattern of indentations in the first area, which includes radial indentations

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that intersect with and cross substantially concentric indentations encircling the hole 4, is different from the pattern of curvilinear indentations in the third area. This embodiment is further provided with radial zones 9 in the third area, ~~said zones 9 having~~ which have a thickness comparable with the thickness of the material in the bottom of the indentations in the third area. In addition, and the backing layer 2 is provided with an ear 10 protruding from the rim 22 of the patch for an easy grip.

Figure 2 shows an ostomy appliance including a patch 1 with a collecting bag 24 attached thereto.--

On page 13, after the last line, please insert the following new paragraph:

--The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--.